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In re Application of:

TADAYOSHI MUTA

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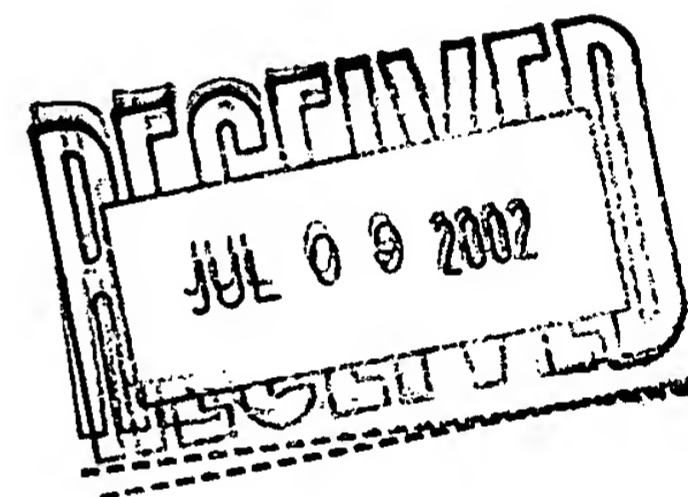
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Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed below and on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are also enclosed.

- (1) US 2002/0026703 A1
- (2) Japan 10-337982
- (3) Japan 11-144018
- (4) Japan 11-250214

References (2) to (4) are discussed at page 2 of the specification and may be deemed pertinent for the reasons given there. Reference (1) is believed to be an English-language counterpart of reference (4). English-language abstracts for references (2) to (4) are also enclosed.

Inasmuch as the subject application has not yet received a first Office Action, it is believed that this Information Disclosure Statement is timely. See 37 C.F.R. 1.97(b)(3). Accordingly, the Examiner is urged to study this information in its entirety and to form an independent determination of the materiality of the information to the claimed invention. Additionally, the Examiner is requested to indicate that this information has been considered by initialing the appropriate portion of Form PTO-1449.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa, California office by telephone at (714) 540-8700. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

Respectfully submitted,

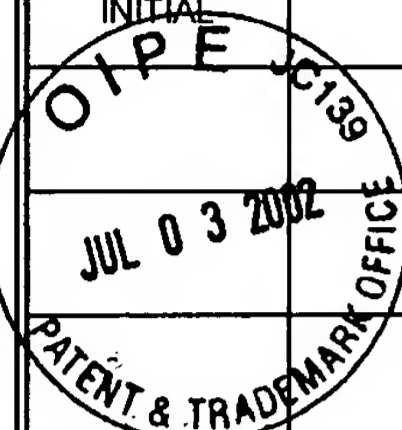
  
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	10-337982	12/22/98	Japan			Abstract	
	11-144018	5/28/99	Japan			Abstract	
	11-250214	9/17/99	Japan			Abstract	
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